



**NIFA Veterinary Medicine
Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)**

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Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Veterinary Shortage ID Code: UT-115

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Sanpete County, Utah

(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or

Location of Position: 630 So. Main, Gunnison, Utah 84634

(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

☐ Type I Shortage: Private Practice

Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☐ Beef Cattle
- ☐ Dairy Cattle
- ☐ Swine
- ☐ Poultry
- ☐ Small Ruminant
- ☐ Other _____

☒ Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area

Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☒ Beef Cattle
- ☒ Dairy Cattle
- ☒ Swine
- ☒ Poultry
- ☒ Small Ruminant
- ☒ Other : _Equine_____

☐ Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time*)

Employer: _____ Position Title: _____

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- ☐ Food Safety
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Epidemiology
- ☐ Other: _____

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

1. Insure the continued existence of a veterinary practice in Gunnison, Utah to serve the private practice needs of Sanpete County which has a population of over 16,000. Cash receipts for Livestock in Sanpete County is \$115,634,000. There are 57,000 head of sheep, 15,000 head of beef cows and 10,000 head of dairy cows.
2. Accreditation for the practicing veterinarian in order to address program disease needs of federal and state governments. As an example, tuberculosis, and brucellosis program monitoring and testing.
3. Be able to perform antemortem and postmortem inspection of animals intended for human consumption at the small state inspected facilities in this county.
4. Act as a professional resource to the community regarding zoonotic diseases especially endemic to Central Utah. (e.g., plague, hanta virus, hydatid disease)
5. Address the companion animal needs of the ranching and farming communities, along with those needs of the small rural municipalities in Sanpete County in reference to their public health, rabies, and pet over population mandates.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

We envision this veterinarian to come into practice with Dr. Thomas Anderson who is 71 years of age at Gunnison Valley Animal Clinic. This practice has been serving the needs of Sanpete County for the past 42 years but Dr. Anderson is getting to the point that age is becoming a factor. This veterinarian would base their practice from this clinic. Because of the remote nature of this county, this practitioner would need to have a mobile unit from which to practice from during farm and ranch calls. The fixed facility is capable of addressing emergency small and large animal needs. Dr. Anderson is looking at retirement after this new practitioner is fully engaged.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

Dr. Anderson has found a new graduate that is from that area and would like to return. This new graduate will be unable to return unless he has some help with his student dept. This practice is extremely isolated. The economy of Sanpete County is still based on animal production. If Dr. Anderson is unable to provide this necessary veterinary service a tremendous gap will be left in reference to food safety, and the overall economic health of the county.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

Because of the health problems incident to age of the veterinarian in this area, many food animal related issues have become problematic. As an example, in order for cattle to be shipped properly between states, certificates of veterinary inspection are needed to accompany the cattle. Due to the above mentioned challenge, this is often overlooked and has become a problem in this region.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.

Authorized State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or designee:

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